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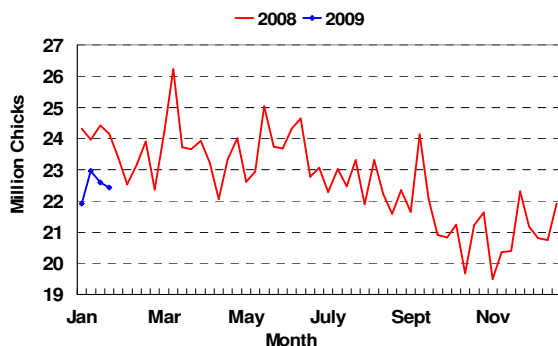
Arkansas Chick Placements Down 7 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.4 million during the week ending January 24, 2009. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and down 1 percent from the previous week.

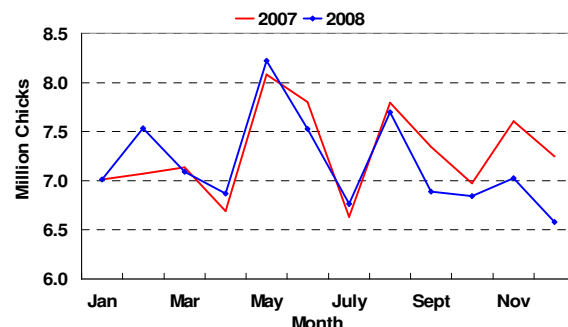
Arkansas hatcheries set 24.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 24, 2009, down 14 percent from the same period last year and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 6.58 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2008, down 9 percent from December 2007.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas, 2008-2009



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed For Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2007-2008



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, December 27, 2008 - January 24, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	27-Dec	3-Jan	10-Jan	17-Jan	24-Jan	27-Dec	3-Jan	10-Jan	17-Jan	24-Jan
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	28,941	28,964 *	28,919 *	28,914	29,216	19,864	19,933 *	20,312 *	19,985 *	19,863
Arkansas	24,249	24,227 *	23,799	24,526 *	24,371	20,734	21,908	22,969	22,583 *	22,422
Delaware	3,244	3,358	3,358	3,345	3,332	4,221	4,633	4,869	4,743	4,502
Florida	1,008	1,028 *	963	962	999	1,050 *	978	798	763	864
Georgia	32,669	32,528	32,609	32,545 *	33,154	26,376	27,662	27,503	27,218 *	27,720
Kentucky	7,424	7,848	7,502	7,674	7,663	6,010	5,842	6,609	6,145	6,245
Louisiana	3,411	3,424	3,424	3,454	3,454	3,287	3,388	3,400	3,391	3,247
Maryland	8,749	8,613	8,719	8,946	8,156	5,970	5,850	6,069	6,236	5,880
Mississippi	17,372	17,491	17,401	17,362	16,926	15,463	15,583	15,472	15,594	15,708
N. Carolina	18,716 *	18,762 *	18,459 *	18,420 *	18,985	15,377	15,834	15,399 *	15,675 *	15,416
Oklahoma	6,696	6,603 *	6,518	6,755	6,514	5,258	4,143	3,633	3,792	3,832
Pennsylvania	3,732	3,742	3,935	4,036 *	3,861	3,383	3,377	3,214	3,030 *	2,982
S. Carolina	5,673	5,555	5,697	6,032	5,272	5,071	4,423	4,676	5,435 *	4,533
Texas	15,490	15,503	15,342	15,081	15,383	12,842	12,961	13,113	13,277	13,255
Virginia	5,958	5,969	5,849	5,880	5,505	4,515	4,660	4,476	4,235	4,752
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,166	19,089	19,243	19,369 *	18,567	16,817	17,514	15,728	15,460 *	16,486
19 State Total	202,498 *	202,704 *	201,737 *	203,301 *	201,358	166,238 *	168,689 *	168,240 *	167,562 *	167,707
Prev. Year Total	218,815	217,209	215,444	216,467	217,697	175,417	177,800	178,512	178,783	177,611
% of Prev. Year	93	93	94	94	92	95	95	94	94	94

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 8 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 24, 2009. This was down 8 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 24, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through January 24, 2009 were 672 million, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.